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Application of: Robert D. Klein

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For: Methods of Creating Constructs Useful for Introducing Sequences into Embryonic Stem Cells

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002 concerning the Examiner's restriction to the claims in connection with the above-referenced matter, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, claims 61-82, classified by the Examiner as Group I drawn to a method of constructing a nucleic acid construct.

The Examiner states that the claims 61-82 (Group I) and claims 51-60 (Group II) are related as a process of making and product made. Applicants submit that a search of the prior art would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. Applicants, therefore, request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

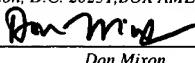
Respectfully submitted,

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